

On Wed, Nov 10, 2021 at 7:42 AM V E Wertman <vewertman@gmail.com> wrote:

To Members of the FOIA Council:

As a resident of James City County, I write to express my support for HB2196 as approved by the Records Issues subcommittee. I support this bill because it promotes law enforcement accountability and builds public trust. By providing public access to law enforcement disciplinary records, the bill gives the public confidence that our law enforcement officers are doing their jobs correctly--with fairness and equity regardless of the situation, and according to their own procedures. In this regard, it is crucial that the public have access to records of both substantiated and unsubstantiated allegations. Access to both types of records is necessary not only to ensure transparency and accountability by law enforcement agencies, but also to help the public understand the pressures faced by law enforcement officers as they execute their responsibilities on a daily basis.

Thank you for your consideration.

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